

# Jack plays into the hands of the council

WHY does Jack Scruton have to play into our council's hands, by criticising our famous local soccer club, namely Wycombe Wanderers FC?

Over the years they have spent thousands of pounds trying to get a soccer stadium worthy of the town, when a prime site arrives at the end of an industrial estate at least a quarter of a mile from the nearest house.

They had to spend thousands more, which could have been spent on even extra facilities, to fight this Victorian council before the final permission was granted by the Department of the Environment.

I don't know if Jack Scruton has visited

the ground and flavoured its wonderful facilities, the envy of all visiting clubs. The centre spot catering for food and meals, the favourite haunt for not only the local folk, who have favoured its unique surrounds including a non-smoking area, but for visitors from as far afield as Aylesbury, Chinnor, Cookham and Slough.

Now the Wanderers want to give the local children every encouragement by adding leisure facilities, including practice pitches (they already have a family stand through the Auspices of MFI and now a fabulous Junior Blues Club with youngsters clamouring to join).

Unlike the club, the council are an insult to progress.

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## Too-high Society hits below the green belt

I WOULD have been surprised if Jack Scruton had let my piece about Wycombe Wanderers' latest planning application go unremarked. Better criticised than ignored, I always say!

Sorry he had to "plough his way" through the column. I had not realised it was such hard going and must try to do better. In his letter last week he writes of the Blues' "efforts to spread themselves into the AONB and Green Belt". Wrong – they are not seeking one square inch of space more than they have now, merely seeking to make the best use of the area they have already been granted. I suspect that Jack knows this. It was only the second time I had devoted a column to the Wanderers in this context – hardly "repeatedly".

What's wrong with moving some left-over spoil to the best visual and material advantage? And, Jack, it's hardly the fault of the club if, having moved, the plans for the old Loakes Park site (now owned by others) appear to have collapsed.

He writes of the "unwarranted ambitions of the Wanderers" – oh dear, oh dear. I fancy the numbers of their supporters and those of other community organisations who could beneficially use the site far outweigh the membership of Jack's Wycombe Society which, while it has done much good, cannot always be right.

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